

84TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 10417

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 1956

MR. CELLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Federal Register Act, as amended, so as to provide for the effectiveness and notice to the public of proclamations, orders, regulations and other documents in a period following an attack or threatened attack upon the continental United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 5 of the Act of July 26, 1935, as amended
4 (49 Stat. 501; 44 U. S. C. 305) is amended by adding the
5 following new subsection.

6 “(e) In the event of an attack or threatened attack
7 upon the continental United States, by air or otherwise,
8 and a determination by the President that as a result of

1 such attack or threatened attack (i) publication of the Fed-
2 eral Register or filing of documents with the Division is
3 impracticable, or (ii) under existing conditions publication
4 in the Federal Register would not serve to give appropriate
5 notice to the public of the contents of documents, the Presi-
6 dent may, without regard to the provisions of this Act or
7 of the Administrative Procedure Act (60 Stat. 237), or of
8 any other provision of law, suspend all or any part of the
9 requirements of law or regulation for filing with the Divi-
10 sion or publication in the Federal Register of all or any
11 documents or classes of documents. Such suspensions shall
12 remain in effect until revoked by the President, or by con-
13 current resolution of the Congress. The President shall
14 establish such alternate systems for promulgating, filing, or
15 publishing documents or classes of documents affected by
16 such suspensions, including requirements relating to their
17 effectiveness or validity, as may be deemed under the then
18 existing circumstances practicable to provide public notice
19 of the issuance and of the contents of such documents. Such
20 alternate systems may, without limitation, make provision
21 for the use of regional or specialized publications or de-
22 positories for documents, or of the press, the radio, or
23 similar mediums of general communication. Compliance with
24 such alternate systems of filing or publication shall have
25 the same force and effect as filing with the Division or

1 publication in the Federal Register pursuant to the provi-
2 sions of this or of any other Act, or of any regulation.
3 With respect to documents promulgated under such alter-
4 nate systems, each agency shall preserve the original and
5 two duplicate originals or two certified copies thereof for
6 filing with the Division when the President determines that
7 it is practicable to do so."

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